

In the Matter of the Application of)
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JESSICA C. WATKINS, D.D.S.)
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Applicant.)

The Missouri Dental Board ("Board") hereby issues its **ORDER** granting the **DENTAL LICENSE** of Jessica C. Watkins, D.D.S. (hereafter "Watkins"), License No. 2016001693 **subject to FIVE (5) YEARS PROBATION under terms and conditions described below**, pursuant to the provisions of § 324.038, RSMo. As set forth in § 324.038.2, RSMo, Watkins may submit a written request to the Administrative Hearing Commission seeking a hearing and review of the Board's decision to issue a probated license. Such written request must be filed with the Administrative Hearing Commission within 30 days of delivery or mailing of this Order of the Board. The written request should be addressed to the Administrative Hearing Commission, P.O. Box 1557, Truman State Office Building, Room 640, Jefferson City, MO 65102-1557. If no written request for review is filed with the Administrative Hearing Commission within the 30-day period, the right to seek review of the Board's decision shall be considered waived. Should Watkins file a written request for review of this Order, the terms and conditions of this Order shall remain in force and effect unless or until such time as the Administrative Hearing Commission issues an Order to the contrary.

I.

Based upon the foregoing, the Board hereby states:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Missouri Dental Board (“Board”) is an agency of the State of Missouri created and established pursuant to § 332.021, RSMo 2000, for the purpose of executing and enforcing the provisions of Chapter 332.
2. On or about September 11, 2015, Watkins applied for licensure as a dentist. On her application, Watkins answered yes to the following question:
 14. Are you now being treated, or have you been treated within the past five years, through a drug or alcohol rehabilitation program? If yes, attach a full explanation and provide discharge summary or other official documentation that shows your diagnosis, prognosis and treatment plan.
3. With her application, Watkins included a statement about her answer of “yes” to question 14. In her statement, Watkins indicated that she was “voluntarily treated for substance abuse at Roger’s Memorial Hospital under the medical direction of Dr. Jay Kasner and Dr. Michael Miller in 2015. Watkins also stated that Dr. Kasner would provide supporting documentation.
4. On or about September 3, 2015, the Board received the supporting documentation from Dr. Kasner. Licensee’s records indicated that:
 - a. She was admitted on July 22, 2015 and discharged on July 31, 2015.
 - b. She was admitted because her “alcohol use has been problematic” for the past 5 ½ years.
 - c. During her fourth year of dental school she consumed anywhere between 2 and 20 drinks per day and that pattern “persisted until just recently.”

- d. Licensee presented with pathologic symptoms of use including the occurrence of blackouts and rare morning tremors. Licensee also identified a preoccupation with alcohol use.
 - e. Licensee participated in a 12-step program and had a sponsor during her stay.
 - f. Dr. Kasner diagnosed Licensee with alcohol dependence and discharged with instructions to maintain abstinence from all mood-altering substance, attend regular 12-step meetings and maintain contact with her sponsor. Dr. Kasner also instructed her to continue intensive outpatient treatment in the Kansas City area.
5. On or about January 14, 2016, Licensee appeared before the Board to answer questions about her application. During her appearance, Licensee stated that”
- a. She sought help with depression, anxiety and alcohol as a result of coping mechanisms developed in dental school which she realized were not healthy.
 - b. She stated she never had tremors but did have blackouts after drinking.
 - c. She stated she did not consume other mood-altering substances.
 - d. She stated she has a sponsor and still attends AA as well as individual therapy.
 - e. She stated she plans to continue with AA and joined the Missouri Dental Well Being program in December.

II.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

6. The Board has authority to deny or refuse a license application pursuant to § 332.321.1, RSMo, which provides:

The board may refuse to issue any certificate of registration or authority, permit or license required pursuant to this chapter for one or any combination of causes stated in subsection 2 of this section. The board shall notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the refusal and shall advise the applicant of his or her

right to file a complaint with the administrative hearing commission as provided by chapter 621, RSMo.

7. The Board has cause to deny or refuse Watkins' application for a dental license pursuant to § 332.321.2 RSMo, which provides:

The board may cause a complaint to be filed with the administrative hearing commission as provided by chapter 621, RSMo, against any holder of any certificate of registration or authority, permit or license required by this chapter or any person who has failed to renew or has surrendered the person's certificate of registration or authority, permit or license for any one or any combination of the following causes:

- (1) Use of any controlled substance, as defined in chapter 195, RSMo, or alcoholic beverage to an extent that such use impairs a person's ability to perform the work of any profession licensed or regulated by this chapter[.]

8. As a result of Watkins' answer of "yes" to question 14 and the information provided in support of that as well as Watkins' testimony before the Board, described in paragraphs 3 through 6 above, the Board has cause to deny or refuse Watkins' application for a dental license pursuant to § 332.321.1, RSMo, and § 332.321.2(1), RSMo.

9. As an alternative to refusing to issue a license, the Board may, at its discretion, issue a license subject to probation, pursuant to § 324.038.1, RSMo, which provides:

Whenever a board within or assigned to the division of professional registration, including the division itself when so empowered, may refuse to issue a license for reasons which also serve as a basis for filing a complaint with the administrative hearing commission seeking disciplinary action against a holder of a license, the board, as an alternative to refusing to issue a license, may, at its discretion, issue to an applicant a license subject to probation.

10. The Board issues this Order in lieu of denial of Watkins' application for a dental license. The Board has determined that this Order is necessary to ensure the protection of the public.

III.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing, Jessica C. Watkins, D.D.S. is granted a dental license, which is hereby placed on **PROBATION** for a period of five (5) years from the effective date of this Order, subject to the terms and conditions set forth below.

IV.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

During the aforementioned probation, Watkins shall be entitled to present herself and serve as a licensed dentist subject to the following terms and conditions:

I. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- A. During the disciplinary period, Licensee shall continue to participate in the Missouri Dental Well Being Program ("Program"). Licensee shall follow all recommendations of the Program or the Program Administrator with regards to counseling, evaluations, any treatment deemed necessary by an evaluation, and any follow-up care. Failure to fully participate in the Well Being Program shall constitute a violation of this Agreement.
- B. During the disciplinary period, Licensee shall, at Licensee's expense, submit to drug and/or alcohol screens as required by the Board. Licensee shall, upon demand and without delay, provide a biological sample to the Board's designated representative, including allowing the Board's designated representative to obtain witnessed biological fluid samples and shall cooperate fully and completely with the Board's designated representative in providing such samples. The presence of any controlled substance, any drug whatsoever in a drug screen for which Licensee does not hold a valid prescription, or any alcohol shall constitute a violation of this Agreement.

II. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

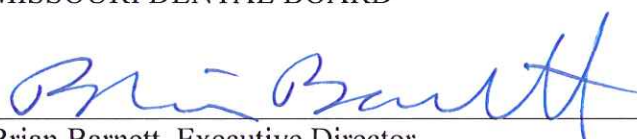
- A. Licensee shall meet with the Board or its representatives at such times and places as required by the Board after notification of a required meeting.
- B. Licensee shall submit reports to the Missouri Dental Board, P.O. Box 1367, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, stating truthfully whether she has complied with all the terms and conditions of this Order by no later than January 1 and July 1 during each year of the disciplinary period.

- C. Licensee shall keep the Board apprised of her current home and work addresses and telephone numbers. Licensee shall inform the Board within ten days of any change of home or work address and home or work telephone number.
- D. Licensee shall comply with all provisions of the Dental Practice Act, Chapter 332, RSMo; all applicable federal and state drug laws, rules, and regulations; and all federal and state criminal laws. "State" here includes the state of Missouri and all other states and territories of the United States.
- E. During the disciplinary period, Licensee shall timely renew her license and timely pay all fees required for licensing and comply with all other board requirements necessary to maintain Licensee's license in a current and active state.
- F. If at any time during the disciplinary period, Licensee removes herself from the state of Missouri, ceases to be currently licensed under provisions of Chapter 332, or fails to advise the Board of her current place of business and residence, the time of her absence, unlicensed status, or unknown whereabouts shall not be deemed or taken as any part of the time of discipline so imposed in accordance with § 332.321.6, RSMo.
- G. During the disciplinary period, Licensee shall accept and comply with unannounced visits from the Board's representatives to monitor her compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order.
- H. If Licensee fails to comply with the terms of this order, in any respect, the Board may impose such additional or other discipline that it deems appropriate, (including imposition of the revocation).
- I. This Order does not bind the Board or restrict the remedies available to it concerning any other violation of Chapter 332, RSMo, by Licensee not specifically mentioned in this document.
- J. Watkins shall not allow her license to lapse.

This Order does not bind the Board or restrict the remedies available to it concerning any violation by Licensee of the terms and conditions of this Order, Chapter 332, RSMo (as amended), or the regulations promulgated thereunder.

SO ORDERED, EFFECTIVE THIS 19th DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.

MISSOURI DENTAL BOARD



Brian Barnett, Executive Director